

# **PM2.5 Designation Recommendations to U.S. EPA**

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Air Resources Board  
Planning and Technical Support Division

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El Monte, California

# New PM2.5 Standard

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- U.S. EPA revised the PM standards on December 18, 2006
- Daily standard strengthened from 65  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  to 35  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$
- Area designation recommendations due to U.S. EPA by December 18, 2007

# **Basis for Staff Recommendations**

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- Reviewed data from 2004-2006 as required by U.S. EPA
- Identified areas that exceeded the standard
- Considered appropriate boundaries

# Basis for Boundaries

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- Air basin boundary recommended in San Joaquin and South Coast due to regional nature of the problem
- Urbanized areas (cities or counties) recommended where localized wood smoke is a problem
- Entire Bay Area District recommended as urbanized boundary

# **Recommended Nonattainment Areas**

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- South Coast Air Basin
- San Joaquin Valley APCD
- Bay Area AQMD
- Sacramento AQMD
- Combined Cites of Marysville/Yuba City,  
Yuba and Sutter Counties
- City of Chico, Butte County
- City of Calexico, Imperial County

# Next Steps

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- U.S. EPA plans to finalize designations effective April 2009
- Final designations based on 2005-2007 data
- SIPs due April 2012
- Attainment between 2014-2019